Appointment of employees in ONGC

2109. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about eighty persons were appointed as Regular/ Permanent Employees to the posts of Stenographer, Attendants, Drivers and Security Guard by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Delhi Circle in 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof, post-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of these employees were made Temporary in 2005;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the fate of career and social security of such temporary employees; and

(e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for their welfare or to make them permanent?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) 87 persons were absorbed as regular employees in temporary capacity in terms of interim order dated 27.07.1998 of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court passed in LPA No.7 of 1998 and other connected appeals filed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC). However, their absorption was subject to the final decision in these appeals.

(b) Post-wise details are as under:-

S.No.	Designation	No. of Posts
1.	Joint Stenographer	10
2.	Joint Assistant	2
3.	Joint Operator	14
4.	Joint Motor Vehicle Driver	9
5.	Junior Attendant	41
6.	Junior Security Guard	11
	TOTAL:	87

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Gas pipeline from Jagadishpur to Haldia

2110. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) has approved an investment of Rs. 7,600 crore for a 2050 km. pipeline from Jagadishpur to Haldia to meet the Natural Gas demands of various enroute consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the project schedule as well as the details of consumers and the source of natural gas to meet the demands; and

(c) if not, the future planning of Government to meet the natural gas requirements of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) The Board of GAIL (India) Ltd. has approved the laying of Jagadishpur-Haldia Pipeline along with spurlines/feeder lines in phases.

The trunk pipeline is envisaged on gas supply from KG and Mahanadi basins through Kakinada-Vizag-Haldia pipeline of Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Ltd. (RGTIL). Hence, the completion of Jagadishpur-Haldia pipeline is to be synchronized with the completion of Kakinada-Vizag-Haldia pipeline.

Major customers enroute this pipeline are CSES Haldia, WBPDC Bandal, WBODC Katwa, DPL Durgapur, SAIL Durgapur, HFC Durgapur, FCI Sindri, HFC Barauni, Petrochemical Barauni, power plants at Barh and Betiah, FCI, Gorakhpur and City Gas networks in cities of Kolkatta, Jamshedpur, Ranchi Patna, Chapra, Siwan, Gopalgunj and Allahabad.

Levy of extra rate of power petrol

2111. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the private petrol pump takes extra rate of power petrol; and

(b) if so, the policy and guidelines, of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) The private sector oil companies are free to take pricing decisions on commercial considerations and they are not subject to pricing restrictions by the Government.

Price of gas procured from KG Basin

2112. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested that the price decided by the ministerial panel for gas procured from KG field of Andhra coast should be the benchmark for state run explorers and all tradable commercial energy sources must be sold at trade parity price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the presentation of Planning Commission would help to strengthen the case of state run producers *viz.* Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?